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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9 with the following:

Any fee due as a result of this paper, not covered by an enclosed check, may be charged on Deposit Acct. No. 50-1290.

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